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TO: All Prison Staff
FROM: Richard Morgan, Prisons Director
SUBJECT: Director's Weekly Update

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Morgan", written over the "FROM:" line of the memo.

Secretary Vail yesterday provided all staff with a link to the final report by the consultants on the prison closure study.

Those of you who have started to read this report know that it is very long and very detailed. I am already receiving questions about the data used in the report as well as the appendices. The Technical Appendix alone is 194 pages. As Secretary Vail wrote yesterday, we are going to take some time to carefully analyze the contents and compare the information with our own. It will be some time before there are answers.

I want to address again that because of the many unknowns, there are bound to be rumors that circulate. I am still committed to addressing these rumors as they arise. If you hear something that you want to verify, please send me an e-mail.

The Community Corrections Division (CCD) today will begin notifying staff members whose positions are eliminated as a result of ESSB 5288. Some of the CCD reductions will impact prisons staff. We expect the majority of the CCD reductions will take place in November and December and anticipate that the prison impacts will conclude shortly thereafter.

Thank you for your continued professionalism and outstanding work.

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